

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/774,046

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

While claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected, claims 4 and 8 were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 depended directly from claim 1 and claim 8 depended directly from claim 5.

Claims 1 and 4 are combined and claims 5 and 8 are combined, basically rewriting claims 4 and 8 in independent form.

It is believe this should place the present application in condition for allowance, but if any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the later given telephone exchange.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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